

## CLAIMS

1. A method for manufacturing a disintegrative core for high pressure casting, <sup>comprising melting and solidifying</sup> wherein a water-soluble salt, alone or in combination with a fine hard powder, <sup>is melted and solidified</sup> in a core mold; or <sup>processed</sup> into a fine powder and <sup>molding</sup> molded in a core mold under a pressure, said water soluble salt ranging from 280 to 520 °C in melting point and from  $9.8 \times 10^{-2}$  to  $1.2 \times 10$  W/m.°C in heat transfer coefficient ( $\kappa$ ) with a high latent heat, whereby the disintegrative core can be applied where a light metal such as aluminum alloy or magnesium alloy is subjected to high pressure casting, such as die casting or squeeze casting and is manufactured from the water-soluble salt.

2. The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the water-soluble salt is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{KNO}_3$ ,  $\text{KNO}_2$ ,  $\text{NaNO}_3$ ,  $\text{NaNO}_2$ , and mixtures thereof.

3. The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the water-soluble salt is selected from the group consisting of salt mixtures, by weight percentage, of 82:17  $\text{NaCl}:\text{CuCl}_2$ , 92:8  $\text{KNO}_3:\text{KCl}$ , 54:46  $\text{KCl}:\text{LiCl}$ , 93:7  $\text{PbCl}_2:\text{NaCl}$ , 54:44  $\text{MgCl}_2:\text{NaCl}$ , 53:47  $\text{CaCl}_2:\text{BaCl}_2$ , and 54:46  $\text{NaCl}:\text{CaCl}_2$ .

4. The method as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the water-soluble salt is melted at a temperature higher by 30~80 °C than that of its melting temperature and solidified in a mold.

5. The method as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the mold is made of graphite and heated to half of the melting temperature of the salt.

6. The method as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the water-soluble salt is processed into a powder with a particle size of 40~100  $\mu\text{m}$ , introduced into the mold and molded under a pressure of 80~100 Mpa.

7. The method as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the molten water-soluble salt is added with 5~30 wt% of chemically non-reactive, fine hard particles, said fine hard particles being selected from the group consisting of powders, fibers and whiskers of metal or ceramics, and mixtures thereof.

8. A disintegrative core for high pressure casting, manufactured according to the method of any one of claims 1 to 7.

9. A method for extracting a disintegrative core for high pressure casting, comprising:  
15 <sup>heating</sup> ~~wherein the core is heated~~ to a melting temperature at which the high pressure cast article is not thermally deformed, <sup>extracting</sup> ~~the core melt is extracted~~, and <sup>washing</sup> ~~the cast article is washed~~ with water.

10. The method as set forth in claim 9, wherein the high pressure cast article  
20 is heated at 320~550  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 3~5 minutes, whereby the heat is transferred to the inside of the core so that the core is melted and extracted.